

House Resolution 553

By: Representatives Benton of the 31st and Gaines of the 117th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Pat Bell and the Jackson County 4-H Club on the occasion of the 48th
2 anniversary of their involvement in the restoration of historic Hurricane Shoals; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the history of the Hurricane Shoals area is well documented in Frary Elrod's
5 "Historical Notes of Jackson County, Georgia," in the probate judge's office, on the granite
6 marker located at the Hurricane Shoals property, and in various places with the Crawford W.
7 Long Museum; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1962, representatives from four industries in the county, Morris Bryan Jr.,
9 R.H. McEver, Jack Makeson, and Charles McCollum, jointly purchased this tract of land
10 from Georgia Power Company, which was then donated to Jackson County and cleaned up
11 to be dedicated as a public park in 1979; and

12 WHEREAS, the initial directors of the Tumbling Waters Society are Sally Allen, Pat Bell,
13 Tom Bryan, Joyce Ethridge, Claude Fullerton, Colin Kelly, A.W. Riddle, Henry Robinson,
14 Charles Sims, Sumner Smith, Carolyn Towns, and S.L. Wellborn; and

15 WHEREAS, for five years starting in 1973, the Jackson County 4-H Club was one of the
16 groups that felt that the Hurricane Shoals area in the county should be developed into a park;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, although there was little a club could do legally and financially, they did pick
19 up trash and showed enthusiasm for the projects; and

20 WHEREAS, the club visited several working parks to observe their procedures, such as
21 recreational facilities, rules and regulations, and natural playgrounds; and

22 WHEREAS, a world-class park has been developed in the Hurricane Shoals area with the
23 Historic Village, a working gristmill, an amphitheater, and much more; and

24 WHEREAS, September 2021 will mark the 30th anniversary of the Art in the Park Festival,
25 which is coordinated by the Tumbling Waters Society at Hurricane Shoals Park.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body commend Pat Bell and the 4-H clubs under her leadership in
28 preserving history and nature in Hurricane Shoals Park and congratulate them on the
29 occasion of the 48th anniversary of their work for Hurricane Shoals Park.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
32 Tumbling Waters Society.